

Faculty Sen. Passes B. A. Curriculum

The URI Faculty Senate voted 34 to 5 yesterday to approve the B.A. Curriculum proposal, which has been in committee for nearly a year. The entire curriculum, to go into effect in September, 1970, is printed below.

Recommendations by the General Education Committee and the Curricular Affairs Committee were also approved.

Students may choose next fall whether to continue under the present B.A. arrangement or to comply with the new curriculum requirements. Under the new B.A. program, physical education, English 1 and 2, and study of a foreign language are no longer compulsory.

The General Education proposal replaces present all-university requirements with a basic three-division setup resembling the more specific B.A. proposal. The system requires all undergraduate students in baccalaureate degree programs to take 45 credits in three divisions. Of these credits, 18 shall be taken in one division, 15 credits in a second, and 12 credits in a third. No more than two courses may be taken in one department for general

education credit, and courses taken for general education credit will not fulfill requirements for a major.

Division A includes any course for which the prerequisites have been met in art, music (lit. and history), classics, English, languages (except 1 and 2), linguistics and philosophy, speech 32, 132, 133 and theatre 1, 82, and 83. Only one art studio course is acceptable.

Division B includes any course for which the prerequisites have been met in astronomy, bacteriology, biochemistry, biology, botany, chemistry, climatology, (geog. 104), geology, genetics, math, meteorology (geo. 103), oceanography, physics, zoology, and earth science.

Division C includes any courses for which the prerequisites have been met in economics, geography (except 103, 104), history (except 193), political economy, political science, psychology (except 10, 70, 110, 120), sociology and anthropology, education 2, 12, 103, journalism 133, 135, and 138, and speech 27, 114, 117.

One exception provided for permits advanced ROTC



Dr. Doody (right) and students to apply a maximum of six credits of military science to the general ed. requirements. No more than three credits may be applied in any one of the three divisions.

Despite the fact that the above have been accepted as MINIMUM all-university standards, the individual curriculum may still insist upon its own requirements. The Bachelor of Science program, for example, lists 4 semesters of physical education

Dr. Thomas (center) (which is not called for in the general ed requirements) as a requirement for the B.S. degree.

The Curricular Affairs 59th Committee report recommending passage of the B.A. Curriculum proposal was accepted by the Faculty Senate. The CAC request that General Education requirements not be waived for one year, as provided for in the B.A. proposal, became unnecessary with the passage

of the new all-university regulations.

It was recommended in both the B.A. Curriculum and the General Education Committee reports that establishment of a University Skills center be investigated. Such a facility would be intended to help students deficient in handling the English language. Until now, English 1 and 2 have supposedly served in that capacity.

Other supplementary recommendations made by the Arts and Sciences faculty and included in the B.A. Curriculum are: 1. Review of the admission requirements in the college, 2. Review of the advisory system, 3. Review of courses appropriate for the distribution requirements, 4. Development of special or individualized programs for the culturally disadvantaged, the talented, and for accelerated study, 5. The Dean of the College is requested to appoint a student-faculty committee to study and make recommendations concerning the role of physical education in this curriculum.

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A total of 124 passed credits are required for graduation. At least 42 of these credits must be courses numbered 300 (under new numbering systems or above; roughly equivalent to the present 100-level).

I. Distribution Requirements

- 18 credits shall be taken in one Division (A, B, or C below)
- 15 credits shall be taken in a second Division (A, B, or C below)
- 12 credits shall be taken in a third Division (A, B, or C below)

Within each Division, no more than 2 courses may be taken for Distribution credit in one department (discipline) or subject matter area.

Division A.

- The Arts** Any art course for which prerequisites have been met, not more than one of which may be a studio course. Any music course in literature and history for which the prerequisites have been met. Theatre 1, 82, and 83; Speech 32, 132, and 133.
- Classics** Any course for which the prerequisites have been met.
- English** Any course for which the prerequisites have been met except 38 and 39.
- Language** Any course for which the prerequisites have been met except 1 and 2.
- Philosophy** Any course for which the prerequisites have been met except 1.

Division B.

- Astronomy** 48
- Biochemistry** 10
- Bacteriology** 1
- Biology** 1 and 2 and courses in Bacteriology, Botany, and Zoology for which these are prerequisite.
- Botany** 1 and any courses for which this is prerequisite.
- Chemistry** 1, 3, 4, and 9 and any courses for which these are prerequisite.
- Earth Science** 1 and 2
- Geography** 103 and 194
- Geology** 8 and 21 and any courses for which these are prerequisite.
- Mathematics** 7, 8, 9, and 41 and any courses for which these are prerequisite.
- Oceanography** 100
- Physics** 1, 2, and 9 and any courses for which these are prerequisite.
- Zoology** 1 and any course for which this is prerequisite.

Division C.

- Economics** Any course for which prerequisites have been met.
- Education** 2, 12, and 103
- Geography** Any course for which prerequisites have been met except 103 and 104.
- History** Any course for which prerequisites have been met except 193.
- Journalism** 133, 135, and 138
- Political Economy** Any course for which prerequisites have been met.
- Political Science** Any course for which prerequisites have been met.
- Psychology** Any course for which prerequisites have been met except 10, 70, 110, and 120.
- Sociology & Anthropology** Any course for which prerequisites have been met.
- Speech** 27, 114, and 117

II. Concentration (27-30 credits)

1. Concentration in a subject is defined as including not only those courses in a department, but also courses in related subjects offered by the student or required by a department in satisfaction of the concentration requirements.
2. Concentration will consist of no fewer than 27 credits, but no department may mandate more than 30 credits for a concentration.
3. Under no circumstances may concentration courses be used to fulfill distributional requirements.
4. The student will normally declare his concentration before the end of the 4th semester.
5. In consultation with his adviser, and with the approval of the Dean, a student may be permitted to modify the normal requirements of the department in which he is concentrating. With such approval, the program, consisting of no fewer than 27 nor more than 30 credits, will

constitute the student's concentration.

Electives (45-48 credits)

The student will elect courses sufficient in credits to complete the 120 credits required for graduation. Courses may be taken in any college. Not more than 15 credits may be taken in the concentration.

Complementary Recommendations

1. This curriculum shall go into effect in September, 1970.
2. Students currently enrolled may have the choice of continuing to fulfill the requirements of the present B.A. curriculum.
3. On the date when this new curriculum becomes effective, each candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts then enrolled in the College shall be deemed to be in process of satisfying degree requirements if he is completing the requirements set forth in this new curriculum and the general University Regulations.